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1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.111 – Response to Office Action dated August 11, 2003;

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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